

Town of Marlboro Conservation Commission Meeting
Tuesday, October 3, 2023, 6:00 - 7:25 pm

Draft Minutes

CC Members: Hannah Brookman, Lindy Corman (Chair), Hunter Jack (Secretary), Eva Grimaldi (co-chair), Mike Purcell

Guest attendees: Christina Schneider, Jenny Ramstetter

Called to order by Chair at 6:08 pm

September's Minutes Unanimously Approved

Identify Any Changes to the Agenda:

New Business

- Precursory general discussion about the Conservation Commission's role within the town with interested new member Christina. Ash borer, invasive species id and remediation, beavers

Scheduled Business

- Jenny Ramstetter, Board member for Green Mountain Conservancy: Three lots owned by Tyche and Bracken Hendricks and another sibling are for sale (appx 200 acres) where Marlboro Town Trail currently runs. Green Mountain Conservancy has an interest in acquiring these lots which feature old growth forest. Has never been logged and is currently being managed for old forest characteristics. Forester is Sam Schenasky. How do invasives fall into "old forest characteristics" management practices? One data point is that this land shows less invasives. Open Space Initiative and VCHB offer grants that GMC is intending to apply for. GMC is seeking a letter of support for the VCHB grant application due October 5. **Hannah** will write this letter. Windham Foundation is another source of grant money as well. GMC is currently budgeting for this purchase and these grant applications will come to fruition by December/January but if funds cannot be achieved the land will hit the open market. Can the CC use its standing to host an informative session within the community to try to raise awareness and funds for the purchase of this land? In the event the purchase was successful, discussion of developing a stewardship committee within the community for the parcel with at least one member of the GMC board. How would ownership change affect ski trails? Is GMC the best owner of these parcels? Land is not in Current Use currently. How will GMC putting the land into conservation affect the town – tax wise, use wise? When would be a good time to coordinate the town info session? Additionally, the conservation commission can present on this at the Energy Commission. **Lindy** will initiate an email with members of the CC and Jenny about scheduling for a Saturday morning November

meet-and-greet with GMC and to inquire about whatever literature/maps/donation protocol that CC will present at Energy Fair and to push GMC to prepare to discuss/present on ownership and tax questions.

- Ash borer training session Sunday 10/15 at 10am - 12pm at the Community Center. **Lindy** will send an email about meeting then/there for that training. **Lindy, Mike, Eva, Hunter** will locate the iPad and DBH tape measures.
- October 28th Energy Fair from 10-2 at Marlboro School. **Hannah** will bring a jar/piggy bank to the Energy Fair. We will try to replicate our table from the fair. **Hunter** will start an email about logistics for the fair. Everyone will bring what they brought last time.
- Christina Schneider introduced herself as a possible future member of the CC.
- **Eva** will reach out to Lucia to hand off Facebook login info to **Hannah**
- **Eva, Mike, and Hannah** are going to try to attend the 10/12 SB meeting to listen/speak on beaver deceivers. **Hunter and Eva** will write an email to Nick about clarifying that CC is not prepared to speak about beavers but is interested in listening in. On this email, respond to Nick's email about petty cash and requesting info about swearing in Christina and formally removing Lucia and Emily. **Hunter** will sign up the CC gmail to receive the Halifax newsletter.

Meeting adjourned 7:25pm.